

HOUSE BILL No. 1140

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-7.

Synopsis: Period of silent reflection in schools. Requires school corporations to establish a daily period of quiet reflection of not more than one minute in length at the beginning of each school day to enable students to reflect on the anticipated activities of the day. Requires participation of all students. Establishes that the period of quiet reflection is not intended to be a religious service or exercise and may not be conducted as a religious service or exercise. Repeals the current law providing local option silent prayer or meditation in public school classrooms.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-7-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) A school corporation shall**
4 **establish a period of thoughtful, quiet reflection at the beginning of**
5 **each school day to enable students to reflect on the anticipated**
6 **activities of the day. The period of quiet reflection may not be more**
7 **than one (1) minute in length. All students in the school**
8 **corporation shall participate in the period of quiet reflection.**
9 **(b) The period of quiet reflection required by this section:**
10 **(1) is not intended to be a religious service or exercise; and**
11 **(2) may not be conducted as a religious service or exercise.**
12 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-7-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: ~~Sec. 8. Voluntary Religious~~
14 ~~Observance = Authorized.~~ A voluntary religious observance is
15 permitted in each school corporation if the school corporation follows
16 sections 9 **and 10** ~~and 11~~ of this chapter and any additional procedures
17 which it adopts to assure that the observance is voluntary.



1 SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-7-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 1999].

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